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- 1. AMBASSADOR AND EMBOFFS LUNCHED JULY 29 WITH ENRIQUE IGLESIAS, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF ECLA, FOR DISCUSSION OF IGLESIAS' PLAN FOR LATIN AMERICAN SAFETY NET (SEPARATELY REPORTED). IN COURSE OF CONVERSATION, IGLESIAS SAID HE HAD BEEN IN TOUCH WITH UN UNDER SECRETARY GENERAL BRADFORD MORSE REGARDING POSSIBLE VISIT BY LATTER TO CHILE. IGLESIAS' PRESENT INTENTION SEEMS TO BE TO ADVISE MORSE AGAINST THE VISIT TO CHILE, ON GROUND THAT THERE IS LITTLE TO BE DONE AT THIS MOMENT TO IMPROVE SITUATION AT THIS END.
- 2. AMBASSAODR SAID HE HAD BEEN IMPRESSED WITH DISCRETION AND ABILITY WITH WHICH MORSE HAD WORKED ON HIS PREVIOUS TRIP TO CHILE AND CONSIDERED MORSE A VERY EFFECTIVE PERSON. ADMITTED, HOWEVER, THAT UNLESS MORSE RECEIVED IN ADVANCE SOME INDICATION OF A USEFUL RESULT TO BE OBTAINED FROM A TRIP TO CHILE, SUCH A VISIT MIGHT BE INADVISABLE. CONFIDENTIAL

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- 3. IGLESIAS WAS CONCERNED ABOUT REPORTS THAT CHILE MIGHT BE EXPELLED FROM 30TH UNGA (USUN 3447) AND EVEN MORE CONCERNED THAT PERHAPS UNGA WOULD INSTRUCT ECLA TO LEAVE CHILE AND RELOCATE IN SOME OTHER AMERICAN CAPITAL. HE POINTED OUT THAT THIS WOULD INVOLVE AN ENORMOUS DISLOCATION AND EXTRA COSTS, WOULD TAKE UP TO TWO YEARS TO ACCOMPLISH, AND WOULD CONSTITUTE AN ADMISSION THAT SITUATION IN CHILE WAS NOT SUBJECT TO CHANGE OVER THE NEXT FEW YEARS. NEVERTHELESS HE RECOGNIZED THAT UNGA UNDER CONTROL OF ANTI-CHILEAN ELEMENTS COULD MOVE ECLA, AND COULD EXERCISE POWERFUL INFLUENCE OVER THE OTHER UN SYSTEM OFFICES LOCATED AT THIS REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS LOOKING TOWARD THEIR DEPARTURE.
- 4. COMMENT: THERE IS NO SIGN OF ANY DEFINITE MOVEMENT IN CHILEAN GOVERNMENT CIRCLES TO WORK TOWARD DAMAGE LIMITATION AFTER BANNING ENTRY OF UN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION WORKING GROUP. IN THIS CONNECTION, WE HOPE ALL CONCERNED WILL VIGOROUSLY REJECT ANY SUGGESTION THAT USG BEARS ANY SHARE OF BLAME FOR FAILURE OF WORKING GROUP TO COMPLETE ITS MISSION AS HAD BEEN ANTICIPATED. AS DEPARTMENT AWARE, USDEL WORKED HARD TO OBTAIN AN ACCEPTABLE GROUP WITH ACCEPTABLE TERMS OF REFERENCE. BY CITING IMMINENCE OF WORKING GROUP INVESTIGATION, WE ALSO HELPED CHILEANS IN CONNECTION WITH DEBT RESCHEDULING EXERCISE AND OASGA CONSIDERATION OF INTER-AMERICAN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION REPORT. THUS, WE HAD EVERY RIGHT TO FEEL LET DOWN WHEN GOC SURPRISED US BY BARRING GROUP FROM CHILE. POPPER

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